

A Critical Evaluation of the Understanding of Dispensationalism on the Fulfilment of the Signs of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

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Abstract: Dispensationalism is one of the most influential theological systems today. It is a movement of eschatological interpretation of the Bible prophecy distinguished by its belief that a consistent literal hermeneutic mandates a consistent distinction between Israel and the church in the understanding of the Bible prophecy. Its understanding of the signs of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and of the fulfillment of these signs not only presents unique feature of its understanding of prophecy but also expresses particular characteristics. In order to have a sound biblical understanding of the signs of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the understanding of dispensationalism should be critically evaluated. This study will analyze dispensationalist's understanding of the signs of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and their fulfillments. And, based on that analysis, this study will provide a theological and critical evaluation of its understanding on the subject. Ultimately, this was found to strengthen the interpretation of prophecy held by Seventh-day Adventists.

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